

**From:** Edinburgh College Freedom of Information

**Sent:** 13 November 2017 17:27

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Interim Principal

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: **063/16/17**

As of 1 October 2012, Edinburgh's Telford College, Jewel & Esk College and Stevenson College merged to create a single college called Edinburgh College.

We refer to your request for information dated 16 October 2017. The College has considered your request as a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA"):

**063/16/17 (1)** I simply want to know what work the Interim Principal undertook in relation to what the SFC told her to change in Edinburgh College curriculum/finance wise under the Recovery Plan.

We are unable to answer your question 'work the Interim Principal undertook in relation to what the SFC told her to change in Edinburgh College curriculum/finance wise under the Recovery Plan' as the SFC did not instruct the Interim Principal to implement change through a recovery plan.

Please note, the request for the Development Plan originally came from the P&R Committee on 22 October 2014. The minutes from this meeting are publically available:  
<http://doc.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/welcome/college%20mgmt/committees/policy%20and%20resources/minutes%202210.pdf>

At the P&R Committee on 26 November 2015 it was agreed that the Development Plan would be integrated into, and progressed through, a new plan for the College: the Transformation Plan was then agreed at the Board Meeting on 08 December 2015.

The origin of the phrase 'recovery plan' lies with Audit Scotland (who subsequently acknowledged that they were in fact referring specifically to the college's formal Business Transformation Plan. See para. 11 in Audit Scotland's 2015/16 Audit of Edinburgh College: [http://audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2017/s22\\_1704\\_edinburgh\\_college.pdf](http://audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2017/s22_1704_edinburgh_college.pdf)

**063/16/17 (2)** Therefore I please supply evidence in relation to the FULL initial work/remit of the Interim Principal with the SFC.

Please note, we are unable to answer your question 'initial work/remit of the Interim Principal with the SFC' as the Interim Principal was not employed by the SFC and the SFC did not instruct the Interim Principal to implement change through a recovery plan.

However, we can provide details of the 'initial work/remit' of the Development Plan.

As evidenced in response to **063/16/17 (1)**, the Development Plan was originally requested at the P&R Committee on 22 October 2014.

The Development Plan was produced by the Executive team led by the Interim Principal and in cooperation with officials from the SFC. The final version of the Development Plan was agreed by the Board and submitted to the SFC in February 2015.

Edinburgh College is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA) 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask the college to review this decision. To do this, please contact the Head of Corporate Development at the postal address below or e-mail the Head of Corporate Development at [governance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:governance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk) describing your original request and explaining your grounds for dissatisfaction. (Please include in your review request, your name and home address for correspondence).

You have 40 working days from receipt of this letter to submit a review request to:

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When the review process has been completed and if you are still dissatisfied, you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to intervene.

The Commissioner's online appeal service is available from their website:  
[www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

The online appeal service is available 24/7 and offers you real time help and advice about your appeal.

You must appeal to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the review decision.

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law following a decision of the Commissioner.

Regards

FOI Team